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For: NUCLEIC ACID SEQUENCING PROCESSES

USING MODIFIED NUCLEOTIDES OR NUCLEOTIDE ANALOGS, AND OTHER PROCESSES FOR
NUCLEIC ACID DETECTION AND CHROMOSOMAL CHARACTERIZATION USING SUCH
MODIFIED NUCLEOTIDES OR NUCLEOTIDE
ANALOGS (As Previously Amended)

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# **Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment**

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# AMENDMENT [Following Office Action of July 1, 2003]

Sir:

This paper is directed to the July 1, 2003 Office Action. A response was originally due October 1, 2003. Filed herewith is a Petition requesting a three-month extension of time. With the extension, the time for response is extended to January 2, 2003.

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